(d) by when these pending claims of 2002-03 will be sanctioned and cheques dispatched to the pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No reimbursement claims are presently pending in CGHS Delhi. 905 bills relating to such medical claims have been processed and sent to the Pay and Accounts Office, CGHS Delhi during 1.4.2003 to 10.4.2003. All these bills have been cleared and the cheques are under preparation which would be dispatched to the pensioners within this month.

Observation of Delhi High Court on conditions of burn wards of Hospitals in Delhi

† 3128. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi High Court has expressed unhappiness on the pitiable condition of burn wards in the hospitals of Delhi and also on not giving proper priority to health services;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction;

(c) the hospitals in which adequate improvement has been made, so far, and by when the required improvement will be made in the remaining hospitals; and

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the pace of work being carried out in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) A High Power Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 10-10-2002 to visit the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hosptial, Safdarjung Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital and Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital to check the condition of the Burns Ward in these hospitals and submit a report. Accordingly, the Committee submitted its report on 31 st October, 2002 indicating specific observations on

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

individual hospitals and giving its suggestions and recommendations on which action is being taken. While hearing the case on 12.3.2003, the Hon'ble Court has desired to know the action taken on the observations/recommendations made by the Committee. The case is listed for 30.4.2003. The matter is sub-judice.

Use of bacticide

3129. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during October, 2001 the Technical Advisory Committee on Malaria recommended the use of Bacticide under NMEP after due consideration of its bio-efficacy and cost effectivenes;

(b) whether during 1994, Malaria Research Centre reported that the application cost of Bacticide is around 2.5 times higher than chemical larvicides on the basis of extensive field trials and Government also purchased 164.8 MT Bacticide under NMEP during 1995-96; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the objections are being raised now after approval of the Committee for regular use of Bacticide ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Bacticide has been approved for use under NMEP as a decentralized item to be purchased by State Governments out of their own resources

New Hospitals for CGHS beneficiaries in Kolkata

3130. SHRI PRASANTA-CHATTERJEE:

SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new hospitals are being included in Kolkata to facilitate in-patient treatment of the CGHS card holders;

(b) if so, the details of the hospitals; and

(c) by when the scheme will come into effect ?